

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 and 25-31 are cancelled. Only previously allowed claims 21-24 remain.

Applicant believe that no fees are required with this amendment. However, should any such fee be required, the United States Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge such fee to USPTO Deposit Account No. 02-1065.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, the Applicants respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejection of the claims, confirm the allowability of claims 21-24, and arrange for an official Notice of Allowance to be issued in due course.

Respectfully submitted,

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